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June 14, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

### **ACCEPT THIRTEENTH YEAR GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM – FISCAL YEAR 2011-12 (ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)**

#### **SUBJECT**

This Board letter requests authority for the District Attorney and Public Defender to accept grant funds under the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2011-12.

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the District Attorney and Public Defender to accept grant funds, on behalf of the County, allocated by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Corrections Standards Authority under the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant in the amount of \$1,050,924, of which \$525,462 will be allocated to the District Attorney and \$525,462 to the Public Defender. A ten percent match of the direct allocation or \$105,092 is required.
2. Authorize the District Attorney and Public Defender, or their respective designees, to serve as Project Director for their respective programs and to execute, on behalf of the County, the grant award agreement and any required extensions, revisions, or amendments.

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### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the program is to promote greater accountability of juveniles in the juvenile justice system and to hold juvenile offenders accountable for their criminal activities. The Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) supports this ongoing effort by coordinating Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) funds for State and local government agencies. This is the thirteenth year of the JABG program. The current grant will fund programs from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. A Board approved Resolution authorizing acceptance of the grant funds is required by the CSA in order for the funds to be released to the County.

In accordance with the granting agency requirements, on May 12, 2011, the Chief Executive Office (CEO) convened a meeting of the JABG Advisory Board, comprised of representatives from various agencies, to consider and recommend allocation of the \$1,050,924 JABG funds allocated to the County. The JABG Advisory Board voted to recommend allocation of \$525,462, or approximately 50 percent of the funds, to the District Attorney's (DA) Juvenile Offender Intervention Network (JOIN) program and \$525,462, or approximately 50 percent, to the Public Defender's (PD) Client Assessment Recommendation Evaluation (CARE) project.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These JABG programs are consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal 1: Operational Effectiveness - Maximize the effectiveness of the County's processes, structure, and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services; Goal 2: Children, Family and Adult Well-Being - Enrich lives through integrated, cost effective and client-centered supportive services; and Goal 5: Public Safety - Ensure that the committed efforts of the public safety partners continue to maintain and improve the safety and security of the people of Los Angeles County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Los Angeles County's Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12 JABG allocation is \$1,050,924 or 90 percent of the total project cost of \$1,156,016. The JABG grant guidelines require a ten percent match of the direct allocation or \$105,092. An allocation of \$525,462 will be included in the DA and PD FY 2011-12 budgets, respectively. The departments will use existing resources to absorb the required match.

Should funding for these programs be terminated, an evaluation will be conducted to determine if the programs would be discontinued with the reallocation of staff to vacant budgeted positions.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The JABG program remains under Title II of the Federal Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act. The CSA recently published the 2011 JABG funding award amounts designated by Congress. The amount allocated for eligible counties in California is \$4,163,127. Of the State award, \$1,050,924 is allocated to Los Angeles County.

The JABG Advisory Board membership consists of the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, a representative from the City of Monterey Park Police Department, and representatives from the following agencies: DA, PD, Sheriff's Department, Probation Department, Department of Children and Family Services, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Children's Advocacy Center, and the Los Angeles Boys and Girls Club.

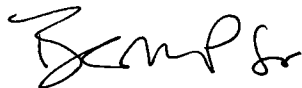
### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The DA JOIN program and PD CARE project will receive \$525,462 respectively. Unfunded program components will be absorbed by each department or reduced as necessary. The funding allocation was recommended by the JABG Advisory Board and has been reviewed and cleared by the affected County departments regarding service level impact.

### **CONCLUSION**

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, it is requested that the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board return three original signature copies of the adopted Resolution to this office.

Respectfully submitted,



WILLIAM T FUJIOKA  
Chief Executive Officer

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
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Attachment

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
County Counsel  
District Attorney  
Sheriff  
Children and Family Services  
Office of Education  
Probation  
Public Defender

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## COUNTY JABG FUNDS

The District Attorney and Public Defender are the County agencies participating in JABG for FY 2011-12. Each of the participating County agencies will use the grant funds for the following programs:

District Attorney

\$525,462

- The Juvenile Offender Intervention Network (JOIN) is a voluntary program that targets first-time serious offenders ages 10-17, for diversion from the juvenile justice system into a one-year program that offers immediate intervention and accountability without formal prosecution. Under the supervision of a Hearing Officer, JOIN youth and their parents can avoid the juvenile justice system by promptly taking responsibility for their actions, making restitution and apologizing to their victim(s), performing community service, attending school regularly, and participating in counseling and parenting programs. JOIN cases are resolved without a court appearance at approximately 12 percent of the cost of court processing. JOIN's success rate exceeds 72 percent, making it one of the most effective juvenile diversion programs in California. JOIN has received numerous awards, including the Quality and Productivity Commission's GOLDEN Eagle Award in October 2005 and the LA County Stars Organizational Effectiveness Award in January 2007, which recognized the program as an outstanding service delivery system that is efficient, effective and goal-oriented.

Public Defender

\$525,462

- The Client Assessment Recommendation Evaluation (CARE) project strategically integrates psychiatric social workers and resource attorneys into defense teams at the 10 Juvenile Courts to assess, identify, and make disposition recommendations to the Juvenile Court to address children's mental health, developmental disabilities, serious learning disabilities, co-occurring disorders and substance abuse needs. CARE services include conducting psycho-social assessments, identifying services and programs to meet the child's needs, assisting in initiating early intervention of needed services, providing client and family support during the court process, and developing recommendations for effective disposition plans. CARE serves approximately 1,300 juvenile clients annually. In a recent case review, 73 percent of CARE youth had no new criminal charges filed in either the juvenile or adult court within one year of the youth's disposition in juvenile court. Courts rely on the important information provided by CARE and for the past nine years on average have adopted 83 percent of the CARE disposition recommendations. In March 2008, CARE received the California Council on Mentally Ill Offenders "Best Practices" award for its approach in effectively serving the needs of the mentally ill offender. In November 2008 CARE was recognized by the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention State Advisory Group for its dedication and significant contributions to the juvenile justice field.

**Total JABG Funds****\$1,050,924**

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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles desires to undertake the Juvenile Offender Intervention Network (JOIN) and the Client Assessment Recommendation Evaluation (CARE) projects to be funded in part from funds made available through the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program administered by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) (hereafter referred to as CSA).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles authorizes the District Attorney and Public Defender or their designees, to submit the two proposals to the CSA. Said individuals are authorized to sign and approve the Grant Award Agreement including any extensions or amendments thereof on behalf of the Board of Supervisors and to serve as Project Directors and perform all necessary tasks to complete the projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the applicant agrees to provide all matching funds required for said projects (including any amendment thereof) under the Program and the funding terms and conditions of the CSA and that the match will be appropriated as required.

IT IS AGREED that any liability arising out of the performance of this Grant Award Agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. The State of California and the CSA disclaim responsibility for any such liability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body.

1 The foregoing resolution was on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011,  
2 passed, approved, and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of  
3 Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment  
4 and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

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6 Ayes:

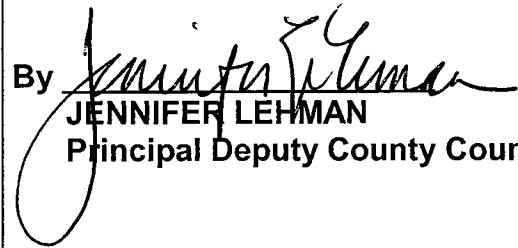
7 Noes:

8 Absent:

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11 SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-Clerk  
12 of the Board of Supervisors of the  
13 County of Los Angeles

14 By \_\_\_\_\_  
15 Deputy

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17 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
18 ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN  
19 COUNTY COUNSEL

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21 By   
22 JENNIFER LEHMAN  
23 Principal Deputy County Counsel  
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